



Newsletter Update Related to Bills C-68 & C-69

April 2019

Status of the Bills

Bills C-68 and C-69 were passed by the House of Commons, with amendments, in June 2018 and referred to the Senate.

Both Bills have passed Second Reading in the Senate and have been referred to standing committees for study. The Standing Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources began its study of Bill C-69 on February 5, 2019 and is currently hearing from witnesses from across Canada. [For information on the Committee's schedule please visit its website.](#)

The Standing Senate Committee on Fisheries and Oceans began its study of Bill C-68 on April 2, 2019.

[Click here to see information on the current status of Bill C-68.](#)

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Current and upcoming Engagement Opportunities

Initiative	Department / Agency	Start Date	End Date	Other Notes
Discussion Paper on Modifying the Fisheries Act Applications for Authorization Regulations	Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO)	April 3, 2019	May 3, 2019	Information on how to submit comments can be found on the website .
Information Session for Indigenous Peoples on Bills C-68 & C-69	Task Team on the Environmental and Regulatory Reviews with other Government Departments	Next sessions are being planned for May, 2019.		For Information Session details, please contact ec.equipetravail-taskteam.ec@canada.ca
Discussion Papers supporting the Canadian Energy Regulator Act	Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) and National Energy Board (NEB)	Spring 2019	Spring 2019	Discussion papers to be released covering the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damage Prevention Regulations for Federally Regulated Power Lines; • Time Management Regulations; • Designated Officer Regulations; and, • Cost Apportionment Regulatory Instrument.

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Interim Guidance supporting the Canadian Energy Regulator Act	National Energy Board (NEB)	Spring 2019	Spring 2019	Interim guidance will supplement the existing Filing Manual and cover the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early engagement; • Consideration of impacts to Indigenous rights; • Gender-based analysis; and • Climate change.
Discussion Paper on the Indigenous Knowledge Policy Framework	Task Team on the Environmental and Regulatory Reviews	Spring 2019	Spring 2019	The policy framework will help guide the implementation of the Indigenous knowledge provisions in the legislation proposed under Bills C-68 & C-69.

Upcoming Workshops

To support the development of regulations and policies to support potential implementation of Bills C-68 and C-69 a number of engagement sessions and regional Indigenous knowledge workshops have taken place across Canada. Below is a list of some of the upcoming workshops:

Topic of Workshop	Department / Agency	Regional Organization	Dates	Other Notes
Proposed Impact Assessment Act	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA)	First Nations Energy and Mining Council	April 24	In North Vancouver Attendance at this workshop is by invitation only. For all inquiries please email ec.equipetravail-taskteam.ec@canada.ca
Proposed Impact Assessment Act	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA)	Tsimshian Environmental Stewardship Authority Workshop	May 14	In Prince Rupert Attendance at this workshop is by invitation only. For all inquiries please email ec.equipetravail-taskteam.ec@canada.ca
Proposed Impact Assessment Act & Indigenous Knowledge Policy Framework	CEAA, NRCan, TC, DFO, Task Team	First Nations Major Projects Coalition	May 16-17	In Prince George Attendance at this workshop is by invitation only. For all inquiries please email ec.equipetravail-taskteam.ec@canada.ca
Proposed Impact Assessment Act & Indigenous Knowledge Policy Framework	CEAA, NRCan, TC, DFO, Task Team	Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs	May 21-22	In Winnipeg Attendance at this workshop is by invitation only. For all inquiries please email ec.equipetravail-taskteam.ec@canada.ca

Purpose

To provide Indigenous peoples with information related to Bills C-68 and C-69, including engagement opportunities on regulatory and policy development.

Background

In February 2018, the Government introduced two pieces of legislation.

- Bill C-68, An Act to amend the *Fisheries Act* and other Acts in consequence; and,
- Bill C-69, An Act to enact the Impact Assessment Act and the Canadian Energy Regulator Act, to amend the Navigation Protection Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

The objectives of Bill C-68 are to restore lost protections and incorporate modern safeguards into the *Fisheries Act*, provide greater certainty for industry, ensure strong and meaningful protection for our fish and waters, and advance reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

The objectives of Bill C-69 are to deliver better rules for the assessment of major projects, to protect the environment and waterways, to rebuild public trust in how decisions about resource development projects are made, and to advance reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, while providing certainty to industry and investors.

Additional Information

Check the Environmental and Regulatory Review website for new information about the Bills as well as engagement opportunities: www.canada.ca/environmentalreviews.

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